

1 AN ACT concerning indigent senior citizens and disabled
2 persons.

3 WHEREAS, adequate housing, quality health care,
4 nutritional food, and utilities relief is becoming of
5 increasing concern to senior citizens and disabled persons
6 who are indigent; and

7 WHEREAS, insurance and pharmaceutical industries should
8 help to build a regional hospital and supply some of the
9 funding to this project so that each congressional district
10 will be able to supply needed medical attention to the
11 indigent senior citizen and disabled person; and

12 WHEREAS, general construction contractors and the food
13 industry should provide for the maintenance of this regional
14 hospital and contribute the necessary funding; and

15 WHEREAS, the utility industry should provide the senior
16 citizen and disabled person a flat rate usage for light, gas,
17 and telephone service after requesting the necessary findings
18 sought from the Illinois Commerce Commission; and

19 WHEREAS, health care industries doing business with the
20 State of Illinois should also support this Act by
21 contributing 1 1/2% to 3% of their net profit so that the
22 indigent senior citizen and disabled person would be able to
23 survive and live a longer life; therefore

24 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
25 represented in the General Assembly:

26 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
27 Indigent Senior Citizen and Disabled Person Survival Act.

28 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

1 "Authority" means the Indigent Senior Citizen and
2 Disabled Person Survival Authority.

3 "Fund" means the Indigent Senior Citizen and Disabled
4 Person Survival Authority Fund.

5 Section 10. The Indigent Senior Citizen and Disabled
6 Person Survival Authority.

7 (a) There is created the Indigent Senior Citizen and
8 Disabled Person Survival Authority that is constituted as an
9 instrumentally and an administrative agency of the State of
10 Illinois. The Authority shall consist of 11 members from each
11 Congressional district in the State of Illinois. Members
12 shall be selected in non-partisan elections held concurrently
13 with the State of Illinois elections of the Governor and
14 other officials. The 11 candidates with the most votes in
15 each Congressional district shall be elected. The term of the
16 elected Authority shall be concurrent and commensurate with
17 the term of the Governor or for 4 years. These elected
18 members shall select their own chair.

19 (b) The Authority shall seek funds from the insurance,
20 general contractors, pharmaceutical, food, utilities, and
21 health care industries doing business in the State of
22 Illinois and from block grants and other funds available
23 through the federal government.

24 (c) The Authority shall oversee moneys distributed from
25 the Indigent Senior Citizen and Disabled Person Survival
26 Authority Fund established under the provisions of Section
27 15. The Authority shall establish procedures for managing
28 and accounting for the moneys distributed from the Fund.

29 (d) The Authority shall conduct negotiations with
30 utility companies, common carriers, communications companies,
31 and other service providers for discounted or flat rates to
32 assist indigent persons who are 62 years of age or older or
33 who are mentally disabled to obtain needed services.

1 Section 15. The Indigent Senior Citizen and Disabled
2 Person Survival Authority Fund.

3 (a) The Indigent Senior Citizen and Disabled Person
4 Survival Authority Fund is created as a special fund in the
5 State treasury. All money in the Fund shall be distributed,
6 subject to appropriation by the General Assembly, to the
7 Authority.

8 (b) Annual voluntary contributions from housing,
9 insurance, pharmaceutical, food distributing, and utility
10 companies seeking licenses or license renewal to do business
11 in the State of Illinois shall be deposited into the Fund.
12 The specific amounts of these contributions shall be
13 determined by the Authority and shall be based on the
14 percentage of profits earned in Illinois reported each year
15 by each company for the year preceding license or license
16 renewal applications. When the company is submitting an
17 application for the first time, the percentage should not
18 exceed 1 1/2%. The amount of voluntary contributions by
19 other companies shall be based on their scope and expected
20 profits but not to exceed overall 3% uniformly throughout the
21 State. Contributions should be remitted to the Authority
22 within 60 days of notification of the amount by the
23 Authority.

24 (c) The moneys distributed from the Fund shall be used
25 exclusively for indigent persons, who have an individual
26 income of less than \$10,000 per annum and are residents of
27 the State of Illinois and who are 62 years of age or older or
28 are mentally or physically disabled as defined by the
29 Americans With Disabilities Act, to provide them with
30 hospital, surgical and medical care, food, and utility
31 services through supplemental vouchers under rules issued by
32 the Authority.

33 Section 70. The Election Code is amended by changing

1 Section 2A-1.2 as follows:

2 (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 2A-1.2)

3 Sec. 2A-1.2. Consolidated Schedule of Elections -
4 Offices Designated.

5 (a) At the general election in the appropriate
6 even-numbered years, the following offices shall be filled or
7 shall be on the ballot as otherwise required by this Code:

8 (1) Elector of President and Vice President of the
9 United States;

10 (2) United States Senator and United States
11 Representative;

12 (3) State Executive Branch elected officers;

13 (4) State Senator and State Representative;

14 (5) County elected officers, including State's
15 Attorney, County Board member, County Commissioners, and
16 elected President of the County Board or County Chief
17 Executive;

18 (6) Circuit Court Clerk;

19 (7) Regional Superintendent of Schools, except in
20 counties or educational service regions in which that
21 office has been abolished;

22 (8) Judges of the Supreme, Appellate and Circuit
23 Courts, on the question of retention, to fill vacancies
24 and newly created judicial offices;

25 (9) (Blank);

26 (10) Trustee of the Metropolitan Sanitary District
27 of Chicago, and elected Trustee of other Sanitary
28 Districts;

29 (11) Special District elected officers, not
30 otherwise designated in this Section, where the statute
31 creating or authorizing the creation of the district
32 requires an annual election and permits or requires
33 election of candidates of political parties;:-

1 (12) In 2002 and every 4 years thereafter, members
2 of the Indigent Senior Citizen and Disabled Person
3 Survival Authority.

4 (b) At the general primary election:

5 (1) in each even-numbered year candidates of
6 political parties shall be nominated for those offices to
7 be filled at the general election in that year, except
8 where pursuant to law nomination of candidates of
9 political parties is made by caucus.

10 (2) in the appropriate even-numbered years the
11 political party offices of State central committeeman,
12 township committeeman, ward committeeman, and precinct
13 committeeman shall be filled and delegates and alternate
14 delegates to the National nominating conventions shall be
15 elected as may be required pursuant to this Code. In the
16 even-numbered years in which a Presidential election is
17 to be held, candidates in the Presidential preference
18 primary shall also be on the ballot.

19 (3) in each even-numbered year, where the
20 municipality has provided for annual elections to elect
21 municipal officers pursuant to Section 6(f) or Section 7
22 of Article VII of the Constitution, pursuant to the
23 Illinois Municipal Code or pursuant to the municipal
24 charter, the offices of such municipal officers shall be
25 filled at an election held on the date of the general
26 primary election, provided that the municipal election
27 shall be a nonpartisan election where required by the
28 Illinois Municipal Code. For partisan municipal
29 elections in even-numbered years, a primary to nominate
30 candidates for municipal office to be elected at the
31 general primary election shall be held on the Tuesday 6
32 weeks preceding that election.

33 (4) in each school district which has adopted the
34 provisions of Article 33 of the School Code, successors

1 to the members of the board of education whose terms
2 expire in the year in which the general primary is held
3 shall be elected.

4 (c) At the consolidated election in the appropriate
5 odd-numbered years, the following offices shall be filled:

6 (1) Municipal officers, provided that in
7 municipalities in which candidates for alderman or other
8 municipal office are not permitted by law to be
9 candidates of political parties, the runoff election
10 where required by law, or the nonpartisan election where
11 required by law, shall be held on the date of the
12 consolidated election; and provided further, in the case
13 of municipal officers provided for by an ordinance
14 providing the form of government of the municipality
15 pursuant to Section 7 of Article VII of the Constitution,
16 such offices shall be filled by election or by runoff
17 election as may be provided by such ordinance;

18 (2) Village and incorporated town library
19 directors;

20 (3) City boards of stadium commissioners;

21 (4) Commissioners of park districts;

22 (5) Trustees of public library districts;

23 (6) Special District elected officers, not
24 otherwise designated in this section, where the statute
25 creating or authorizing the creation of the district
26 permits or requires election of candidates of political
27 parties;

28 (7) Township officers, including township park
29 commissioners, township library directors, and boards of
30 managers of community buildings, and Multi-Township
31 Assessors;

32 (8) Highway commissioners and road district clerks;

33 (9) Members of school boards in school districts
34 which adopt Article 33 of the School Code;

1 (10) The directors and chairman of the Chain O
2 Lakes - Fox River Waterway Management Agency;

3 (11) Forest preserve district commissioners elected
4 under Section 3.5 of the Downstate Forest Preserve
5 District Act;

6 (12) Elected members of school boards, school
7 trustees, directors of boards of school directors,
8 trustees of county boards of school trustees (except in
9 counties or educational service regions having a
10 population of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants) and members
11 of boards of school inspectors, except school boards in
12 school districts that adopt Article 33 of the School
13 Code;

14 (13) Members of Community College district boards;

15 (14) Trustees of Fire Protection Districts;

16 (15) Commissioners of the Springfield Metropolitan
17 Exposition and Auditorium Authority;

18 (16) Elected Trustees of Tuberculosis Sanitarium
19 Districts;

20 (17) Elected Officers of special districts not
21 otherwise designated in this Section for which the law
22 governing those districts does not permit candidates of
23 political parties.

24 (d) At the consolidated primary election in each
25 odd-numbered year, candidates of political parties shall be
26 nominated for those offices to be filled at the consolidated
27 election in that year, except where pursuant to law
28 nomination of candidates of political parties is made by
29 caucus, and except those offices listed in paragraphs (12)
30 through (17) of subsection (c).

31 At the consolidated primary election in the appropriate
32 odd-numbered years, the mayor, clerk, treasurer, and aldermen
33 shall be elected in municipalities in which candidates for
34 mayor, clerk, treasurer, or alderman are not permitted by law

1 to be candidates of political parties, subject to runoff
2 elections to be held at the consolidated election as may be
3 required by law, and municipal officers shall be nominated in
4 a nonpartisan election in municipalities in which pursuant to
5 law candidates for such office are not permitted to be
6 candidates of political parties.

7 At the consolidated primary election in the appropriate
8 odd-numbered years, municipal officers shall be nominated or
9 elected, or elected subject to a runoff, as may be provided
10 by an ordinance providing a form of government of the
11 municipality pursuant to Section 7 of Article VII of the
12 Constitution.

13 (e) (Blank).

14 (f) At any election established in Section 2A-1.1,
15 public questions may be submitted to voters pursuant to this
16 Code and any special election otherwise required or
17 authorized by law or by court order may be conducted pursuant
18 to this Code.

19 Notwithstanding the regular dates for election of
20 officers established in this Article, whenever a referendum
21 is held for the establishment of a political subdivision
22 whose officers are to be elected, the initial officers shall
23 be elected at the election at which such referendum is held
24 if otherwise so provided by law. In such cases, the election
25 of the initial officers shall be subject to the referendum.

26 Notwithstanding the regular dates for election of
27 officials established in this Article, any community college
28 district which becomes effective by operation of law pursuant
29 to Section 6-6.1 of the Public Community College Act, as now
30 or hereafter amended, shall elect the initial district board
31 members at the next regularly scheduled election following
32 the effective date of the new district.

33 (g) At any election established in Section 2A-1.1, if in
34 any precinct there are no offices or public questions

1 required to be on the ballot under this Code then no election
2 shall be held in the precinct on that date.

3 (h) There may be conducted a referendum in accordance
4 with the provisions of Division 6-4 of the Counties Code.

5 (Source: P.A. 89-5, eff. 1-1-96; 89-95, eff. 1-1-96; 89-626,
6 eff. 8-9-96; 90-358, eff. 1-1-98.)

7 Section 80. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
8 Section 5.545 as follows:

9 (30 ILCS 105/5.545 new)

10 Sec. 5.545. The Indigent Senior Citizen and Disabled
11 Person Survival Authority Fund.

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
13 becoming law.